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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

A CPA Request has been concurrently filed. Kindly preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Figure 1 is a sketch of a gate valve type of gas-lift valve currently in use. In the Figure there is a point marked A where gas enters the valve, passes through the valve seat B (that is, the gate), passes check valve C and leaves out of nose D for the inside of the pipe, Figure 1 also shows a detailed view in section of the seat, shown as a sketch in Figure 2, in which the cylindrical body of valve 1 can be seen, the housing 2 for the seat, and the seat 3, the gate 4 and o ring 5.--